

**New Shoreham Recreation Board**  
**Tuesday, March 20, 2012**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road**  
**8:15 a.m.**

**Present:** Chair John Cullen, Members Ann Hall, Sarah Sue Cook, Tim Clark Alternates Christopher Willi and Paul Henshaw. **Absent:** Gail Heinz. Also present were Recreation Director Robert Closter and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes.

Chair John Cullen called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Public comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approve minutes of February 28, 2012**

A motion was made by Mr. Willi and seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the minutes of February 28, 2012. The motion carried.

5 Ayes (Cullen, Willi, Clark, Cook, Henshaw)    0 Nays    2 Absent (Hall, Heinz)

Ms. Hall was not present for the vote.

**Old Business**

**Heinz Field Maintenance**

It was reported that the Block Island Land Trust denied the Rec. Boards' request to use non-organics on specific areas of Heinz Field. Recreation Director Closter stated that the Town Council will decide at their March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting whether to request that the Land Trust help with the costs of organics.

The Town's budget will be introduced at the Town Council's March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Closter stated that he anticipated that the budget would include funding for a seasonal part-time employee to cover Heinz Field maintenance. He noted that the salary for the position made the position unattractive. He additionally expressed concern that the position will not be advertised until mid May and the maintenance season begins now.

The Board concurred that ideally they would like to see Heinz Field maintenance handled by a subcontractor.

**New Business**

**Programming**

Mr. Cullen stated that the two afterschool spring recreation programs were cancelled. Director Closter explained that as he was on family leave, working as a half-time employee, and he found he did not have time to run the programs. Mr. Cullen suggested that, in the future, such a problem should be brought to the board before the decision is made, as a possible solution may be worked out (such as volunteers). He further stated that the Board is there to help. Mr. Willi suggested including the help of volunteers in future programming to allow Mr. Closter to be play more of a supervisory role.

**Other Business**

In response to questions, Mr. Closter reported that the Town was waiting on the three possible drafts of the beach pavilion renovation plans. He noted that the concession contract expires at the end of the calendar year. Mr. Willi suggested discussing the concession bid specifications at a future meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cullen made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: May 22, 2012